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MEMORANDUM FOR: Project Director

SUBJECT: Report on TALENT Security

1. Attached for your information is a security report covering the security aspects of the establishment of the TALENT system with its TALENT control centers and the [REDACTED] Period covered is through 11 February 1957. [REDACTED] the TALENT security officer, in this report presents no outstanding security problem in connection with TALENT. His current and future efforts are directed to the security aspects of enlarging vault areas, the continuing inspection of TALENT centers, and the security aspects of combining AQUATONE [REDACTED] products within the TALENT control system.

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2. Such security violations as have occurred are few in number, minor in nature, and have been brought directly to the attention of the appropriate TALENT officer in the office or agency concerned. This procedure has been discussed in ARC, and everyone registered his satisfaction with this direct security method. I know of no outstanding issue involving security.

3. It is not essential that you read this report since there is no vital information in the attachment which has not already come to your attention. You are familiar with all interagency and intergovernmental arrangements by reason of having approved them as they were being made. However, I would like to call to your attention one item in the security report: There is now a total of [REDACTED] active TALENT clearances broken down as follows: [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] In case you would care to see the breakdown of CIA's [REDACTED] clearances, I have attached a table for this purpose.

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4. Each TALENT slot is justified to this office and receives my approval with the TALENT Security Officer's concurrence before security action begins. In approving the request for [REDACTED] slots, I have been convinced that the justification was reasonable. Where the

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justification has been in my judgment inadequate, I have asked for more information. This, I believe, has served to keep the requesting agencies and offices aware of CIA's desire to hold clearances to a minimum consistent with necessary utilization of TALENT materials.

5. For your information only, I would pass along the comment of Colonel Macia on several recent occasions that he considers the TALENT system much superior to the Air Force SENSINT system because it is workable with a minimum of bureaucracy, provides adequately for security, and permits the use of the materials by those who need them.

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